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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: MITSUKAZU MOMOSAKI
Serial No.: 09/765,960
Filed: January 19, 2001
For: CORNER CUTTER

Examiner: Jason D. Prone
Group Art Unit: 3724

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 13, 2005. The amendment filed on December 27, 2004 in the above-referenced application was considered non-compliant because claims 7-13 have improper status identifiers. Applicant identified the status of claims 7-13 as “(previously amended)”.

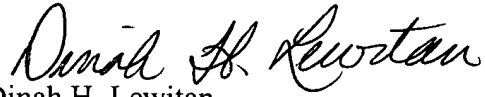
The undersigned counsel telephoned Ms. LaShawn Morgan, Legal Instruments Examiner, who advised that the Patent Office now requires that the status of every claim be indicated after its claim number by using one of only seven status identifiers. The U.S. Patent Office no longer recognizes “(previously amended)” as one of the seven acceptable status identifiers.

Accordingly, applicant has corrected the status identifiers of claims 7-13 in the Amendment filed on December 27, 2004 to read “(previously presented)” rather than “(previously amended)”.

The corrected “Amendments to the Claims” section of the non-complaint amendment document is re-submitted in its entirety herewith.

Applicant believes that the requirements of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment have been completely satisfied. If anything further is required, the Legal Instruments Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned counsel at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

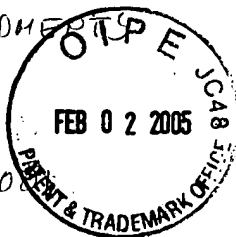


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Conditional Petition and Fee for Extension of Time: If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

In connection with the above-identified matter, please charge any additional fees or any other charges related to this matter to the deposit account of the writer, No. 23-0812.

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